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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SMUGGLING OF OPIUM AND HEROIN INTO U.S.

BEGIN SUMMARY: EMBASSY OFFICER SPOKE TODAY WITH ADJUTANT SOLBERG OF THE OSLO CRIMINAL POLICE WHO CONFIRMED THAT STEIN FURU, A 27 YEAR OLD EX-SEAMAN, VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED TO THE POLICE ON NOVEMBER 25 AND CONFESSED TO SMUGGLING APPROXIMATELY 52 KILOS OF RAW OPIUM AND 12-15 KILOS OF HEROIN INTO THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN 1970 AND 1973. SOLBERG SAID THE NORWEGIAN POLICE HAVE SENT A REPORT ON FURU VIA INTERPOL TO NEW YORK. FURU APPEARED BEFORE THE OSLO MAGISTRATE COURT ON NOVEMBER 26 AND WAS SENTENCED TO SIX WEEKS IMPRISONMENT PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, IN 1970 WHILE SERVING AS A SEAMAN ON BOARD THE DANISH VESSEL NICOLINE MAERSK, FURU ACCEPTED AN OFFER FROM A CHINESE LIVING IN BANGKOK TO SMUGGLE A LARGE AMOUNT OF OPIUM AND HEROIN INTO THE U.S. THE FIRST ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE IN THE CARGO, WHICH WAS CONCEALED IN FOUR SPECIAL BUILT SUITCASES, WAS HALTED IN NEW YORK WHEN IT WAS DECIDED THERE WAS TOO MUCH RISK INVOLVED AND FURU WAS INSTRUCTED TO RETURN WITH IT TO BANGKOK. AFTER THAT IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE OPIUM AND HEROIN

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SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE U.S. BY AIR AND FURU MADE TWO SUCCESSFUL

TRIPS FROM BANGKOK TO VANCOUVER WHERE HE WAS MET EACH TIME AT THE AIRPORT BY A CHINESE WHO TOOK THE CARGO. HE SAID HE WAS PAID \$4000 FOR THE TRIP ON BOARD THE NICOLINE MAERSK AND \$6000 EACH FOR THE TWO SUBSEQUENT TRIPS. AFTER READING IN THE PRESS ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION BEING CARRIED IN THE U.S. HE FELT THAT ARREST WAS IMMINENT AND DECIDED TO SURRENDER TO THE POLICE.

2. THERE IS NO RECORD THAT STEIN FURU OR BERNT CHRISTIAN DALAN, ANOTHER NORWEGIAN NAMED IN THE SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES, WERE ISSUED VISAS AT THIS POST. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THEY APPLIED IN COPENHAGEN, BANGKOK OR HONG KONG WHERE THE NICOLINE MAERSK MADE PORT CALLS.
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